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GENEVA FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, FR, US
SUBJECT: GOF PROTESTS ANDY YOUNG INTERVIEW IN LE
MATIN

1. I WAS CALLED TO THE QUAI THIS MORNING AT THE
SECIFIC REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD
TO RECEIVE A PROTEST CONCERNING ANDY YOUNG'S INTERVIEW
IN THE LE MATIN. I WAS ASKED THAT PROTEST BE CONVEYED
DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT.

2. FRENCH IN PROTESTING SPEAK ONLY OF THOSE PORTIONS
OF THE LE MATIN INTERVIEW WHICH REFER TO FRANCE. THESE
STATEMENTS, I WAS TOLD, WILL NOT BE HELPFUL WITHIN
FRANCE, BUT THE PRIMARY AND DEEP FRENCH CONCERN IS WITH
THE ANTI-FRENCH BIAS THESE STATEMENTS WILL CREATE OR
REINFORCE IN AFRICA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THEREFORE
ASKS THAT THERE BE A PUBLIC US DISAVOWAL OF THESE
STATEMENTS.

3. THE GOF IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT:

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(A) REFERENCES TO FRENCH RELATIONS IN AFRICA AS
"NEO-COLONIALISTS";

(B) THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE: BEGIN QUOTE:

QUESTION: LET'S TURN TO AFRICA. IT IS OFTEN SAID IN
WASHINGTON THAT THE FRENCH AND THE AMERICAN POLICIES ARE

TOTALLY COMPLEMENTARY ON THAT CONTINENT. DO YOU AGREE?

ANSWER: THIS DEPENDS ON WHAT IS SPOKEN OF. IF THE QUESTION IS TO ASSURE THE TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS FOR A HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE, AS TO KOLWEZI, THIS IS TRUE. FOR THE REST, I DON'T KNOW VERY WELL WHAT THE FRENCH DO.

QUESTION: BUT WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOUR GOALS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE FRENCH IN AFRICA?

ANSWER: NO, NOT AT ALL.

QUESTION: COULD YOU EXPAND ON THIS POINT?

ANSWER: NO, I CANNOT.

QUESTION: WHY?

ANSWER: BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH PRIMARILY DEFEND THEIR OWN ECONOMIC INTERESTS. IN THE DIFFERENCE THAT PITTED THEM AGAINST THE BELGIANS IN CONNECTION WITH SHABA OPERATIONS FOR EXAMPLE, I WOULD SAY THAT WE WERE CLOSER TO THE BELGIANS, BECAUSE THEY WERE PROMPTED BY HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS. THEY WANTED TO PROTECT THEIR NATIONALS AND ALSO TO PRESERVE THE MINING INDUSTRY OF THE COUNTRY.

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QUESTION: AND THE FRENCH?

ANSWER: I DO NOT EXACTLY KNOW. I BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH ARE WORRIED BY THEIR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT. THEY HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN COMPETING WITH THE GERMANS, THE JAPANESE, THE SWEDES. THEY HAVE ALWAYS OVERCOME THIS BY DEVELOPING VERY FRUITFUL NEO-COLONIAL RELATIONSHIPS. INCIDENTALLY, I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOME OF THE COUNTRIES THAT FARE THE BEST IN AFRICA ARE IN THE FRENCH-SPEAKING ZONE. THE CONVENTIONAL EXAMPLE IS THAT OF THE IVORY COAST. AND I LIKE THE IVORY COAST. WHEN I SEE A PRESIDENT SUCH AS HOUPHOUET BOIGNY DECIDING, IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE, THAT THE FUTURE OF HIS PEOPLE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS COUNTRY ARE BEST SERVED BY A CLOSE COOPERATION WITH FRANCE, I DO ALL I

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CAN TO SUPPORT HIM.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PLAN TO CREATE AN
ALL-AFRICAN FORCE?

ANSWER: I THINK THAT IT WILL NEVER BE BORN. THIS IS
WHY I NEVER WAS REALLY UPSET. IT HAS BEEN MUCH SPOKEN
OF, BUT SEE WHAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED: THREE HUNDRED
SENEGALESE, THREE HUNDRED GABONESE AND PERHAPS A
THOUSAND MOROCCANS. NO, THIS PLAN GIVES RISE TO TOO MUCH
OPPOSITION IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES. BECAUSE
IT IS NOT SEEN THERE AS AN ALL-AFRICAN FORCE BUT AS A
FRENCH-AFRICAN FORCE. THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE A MAIN
DISCUSSION TOPIC AT THE OAU CONFERENCE. THIS SAID, I
THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE A WAY BY WHICH THE AFRICAN
COUNTRIES COULD MUTUALLY HELP EACH OTHER. AND I THINK
THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD PROBABLY BE THE BEST WAY
TO ORGANIZE IT BECAUSE IT COULD FREEZE THE MILITARY
SITUATION. THE OAU WANTS TO SETTLE THESE PROBLEMS ALONE
BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE THE MATERIAL MEANS FOR THAT AND,
AFTER ALL, AFRICA IS NOT FAR AWAY FROM THE REST OF
THE WORLD. THE UN TROOPS, I THINK, HAVE PROVEN THAT
THEY COULD CONTAIN VIOLENCE AND OPEN THE WAY FOR A
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICTS. THIS IS WHAT
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BOTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST NEED. END QUOTE.

(C) IMPLIED RELATING OF FRENCH AND SOVIET ACTIONS

IN AFRICA AS REFLECTED IN FOLLOWING: BEGIN QUOTE:

THE SOVIETS CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT AND THE FRENCH ALSO.
BUT WITH US THE WORLD IS MORE SEVERE. END QUOTE.

4. I PROMISED TO GET BACK TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER
TODAY AND I THINK IT IMPORTANT TO DO SO IN ORDER THAT
THIS PROBLEM BE DEFUSED BEFORE THE PRESIDENT MEETS
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